



WACO, TEXAS

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**COURSE SYLLABUS  
AND  
INSTRUCTOR PLAN**

**APPLIED GUITAR  
MUAP 1261 01**

**NOTE: This is a 16-week course.**

**CLARK NAUERT**

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#### **Course Description:**

Individual Instruction in voice or guitar. Available to non-majors as well as music majors who wish to study a secondary applied emphasis. Involves one private lesson per week. See practice requirements below. May be repeated for credit.

#### **Prerequisites and/or Corequisites:**

None

#### **Course Notes and Instructor Recommendations:**

It is highly recommended that the student purchase a guitar for use with this course. Some school guitars may be available for student use but there will not be enough guitars for all students and the student will not be able to take the guitars off-campus, thus limiting practice time. **A nylon string or “classical” guitar will work best** with the music played in this course. Use of a steel string guitar is acceptable but not preferred.

**Practice time:** During the first three weeks of class students should set aside 30 minutes per day, 6 days per week to practice assigned material. Thereafter students should set aside a minimum of an hour each day to practice assigned material.

Students must also have a FOOTSTOOL. These can be purchased from local music stores for around \$15.00 or online at [musiciansfriend.com](http://musiciansfriend.com) for \$10.00 or less.

In addition, it is highly recommend that students purchase a metronome. They can be found for anywhere from \$20.00 to \$55.00 at local music stores or online. A \$20.00 metronome will be more than adequate.

Also, an electronic tuner or reliable phone app tuner will be very helpful. It will allow you to tune your guitar quickly before class and every time you practice. You can find a tuner for anywhere from \$20.00 to \$50.00 or more. If you’re not sure about which one to get, call me (299-8258).

**PARTICIPATION:** The student is expected to actively participate in his or her lesson by asking questions, giving feedback, and performing to the best of his or her ability during the lesson.

**PREPAREDNESS:** The student is expected to be on time. Practice is essential and nail care is also taken into account. Nails must be taken care of before the lesson.

YOU CANNOT CRAM FOR THIS COURSE. Skills are acquired over time, learning and reinforcing the movements and necessary coordination every day. Don’t wait until the day before your lesson to practice!

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**PRACTICE JOURNAL:** The student will keep a practice journal in which daily practice time, material practiced, questions and observations will be logged. The journal will be checked at two-week intervals by the instructor and will be part of the student's semester grade.

**JURIES:** A jury will be played at the semester's end for the string faculty. This will demonstrate the work done and progress achieved during the semester. At least three pieces will need to be prepared for the jury.

#### **Instructor Information:**

Instructor Name: Clark Nauert

MCC E-mail: [cnauert@mclennan.edu](mailto:cnauert@mclennan.edu)

Office Phone Number: 299-8258

Office Location: PAC 101

Office/Teacher Conference Hours: will be posted 2<sup>nd</sup> week of classes

#### **Required Text & Materials:**

Title: Learning The Classic Guitar, Parts 1 and 2

Author: Aaron Shearer

Edition:

Publisher: Mel Bay Publishing

ISBN: Part 1: 0871668548, Part 2: 0786632097

**MCC Bookstore Website:** <http://www.mclennan.edu/bookstore/>

#### **Student Support/Resources:**

MCC provides a variety of services to support student success in the classroom and in your academic pursuits to include counseling, tutors, technology help desk, advising, financial aid, etc. A listing of these and the many other services available to our students is available at

<http://www.mclennan.edu/campus-resource-guide/>

College personnel recognize that food, housing, and transportation are essential for student success. If you are having trouble securing these resources, we encourage you to contact a success coach by calling (254) 299-8226. Students can visit the Completion Center Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. to meet with a success coach and receive additional resources and support to help reach academic and personal goals. Paulanne's Pantry (MCC's food pantry)

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is open 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, without an appointment. The Completion Center and pantry are located on the Second Floor of the Student Services Center (SSC).

#### **Minimum Technical Skills:**

Students should have basic computer skills, knowledge of word processing software, and a basic understanding of how to use search engines and common web browsers.

#### **Backup Plan for Technology:**

In the event MCC's technology systems are down, you will be contacted/notified through your MCC student email address. Please note that all assignments and activities will be due on the date specified in the Instructor Plan, unless otherwise noted by the instructor.

#### **\* [Click Here for the Minimum System Requirements to Utilize MCC's D2L|Brightspace](http://www.mclennan.edu/center-for-teaching-and-learning/teaching-commons/requirements)**

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Click on the link above for information on the minimum system requirements needed to reliably access your courses in MCC's D2L|Brightspace learning management system.

#### **Methods of Teaching and Learning:**

One on one demonstration-discussion-musical interaction, student performances / presentations.

#### **Course Objectives and/or Competencies:**

The student will develop the necessary skills to perform solo guitar music in the classical style.

The student will learn:

- 1.) Proper right and left hand technique for the playing of:
  - a. Alternating thumb and finger exercises
  - b. Arpeggios
  - c. Scales
  - d. Chords
- 2.) Sight reading of musical notation
- 3.) Studies, exercises and music and the proper interpretation of said material.

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#### **Course Outline or Schedule:**

Weekly grades will be given based on the student's progress toward the goals assigned at each weekly lesson. Fourteen 50 minute lessons will be given during the course of the semester. There will be no lesson the first week of classes while student and instructor schedules are put in place. There will not be a lesson during the last week of the semester as it is exam week and the student will have played the equivalent of the guitar lesson exam the week before on jury day.

Programs from five live MCC music department performances will be turned in before the end of the semester. This will count as 10% of the final grade.

A jury will be played at the end of the semester. This will be a short presentation of no more than 10 minutes. The student will play material representative of the study done during the semester. This typically consists of the performance of one or more solo pieces and some technique studies such as scale or arpeggios. The jury performance will count as 14% of the final grade.

#### **Course Grading Information:**

GRADING:	Attendance	- 41%
	Weekly Assignments	- 35%
	Performance Attendance	- 10%
	Jury	- 14%

#### **Late Work, Attendance, and Make Up Work Policies:**

Make-up lessons will be given at the discretion of the instructor and only if prior notice for the missed lesson has been given by the student. After four lessons are missed the student will be dropped from the course. For more on attendance, see the MCC attendance policy.

#### **Student Behavioral Expectations or Conduct Policy:**

Students are expected to maintain classroom decorum that includes respect for other students and the instructor, prompt and regular attendance, and an attitude that seeks to take full advantage of the education opportunity.

\* **[Click Here for the MCC Academic Integrity Statement](http://www.mclennan.edu/academic-integrity)**  
([www.mclennan.edu/academic-integrity](http://www.mclennan.edu/academic-integrity))

The link above will provide you with information about academic integrity, dishonesty, and cheating.

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**\* [Click Here for the MCC Attendance/Absences Policy](#)**

**([www.mclennan.edu/highlander-guide/policies](http://www.mclennan.edu/highlander-guide/policies))**

Click on the link above for the college policies on attendance and absences. Your instructor may have guidelines specific to this course.

**Accommodations/ADA Statement**

Any student who is a qualified individual with a disability may request reasonable accommodations to assist with providing equal access to educational opportunities. Students should contact the Accommodations Coordinator as soon as possible to provide documentation and make necessary arrangements. Once that process is completed, appropriate verification will be provided to the student and instructor. Please note that instructors are not required to provide classroom accommodations to students until appropriate verification has been provided by the Accommodations Coordinator. Instructors should not provide accommodations unless approved by the Accommodations Coordinator. For additional information, please visit [mclennan.edu/disability](http://mclennan.edu/disability).

Students with questions or who require assistance with disabilities involving physical, classroom, or testing accommodations should contact:

[disabilities@mclennan.edu](mailto:disabilities@mclennan.edu)

254-299-8122

Room 319, Student Services Center

**\* [Click Here for more information about Title IX](#)**

**([www.mclennan.edu/titleix](http://www.mclennan.edu/titleix))**

We care about your safety, and value an environment where students and instructors can successfully teach and learn together. If you or someone you know experiences unwelcomed behavior, we are here to help. Individuals who would like to report an incident of sexual misconduct are encouraged to immediately contact the Title IX Coordinator at [titleix@mclennan.edu](mailto:titleix@mclennan.edu) or by calling Dr. Drew Canham (Vice President for Student Success) at 299-8645. Individuals also may contact the MCC Police Department at 299-8911 or the MCC Student Counseling Center at MCC by calling 299-8210. The MCC Student Counseling Center is a confidential resource for students.

McLennan's Title IX webpage (<http://www.mclennan.edu/titleix/>) contains more information about definitions, reporting, confidentiality, resources, and what to do if you or someone you know is a victim of sexual misconduct, gender-based violence or the crimes of rape,

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acquaintance rape, sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, dating violence or domestic violence.

*\* You will need to access each link separately through your Web browser (for example: Internet Explorer, Mozilla, Chrome, or Safari) to print each link's information.*